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SUBJ: AFRICAN ISSUES: NAMIBIA AND ZAIRE

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1. FOLLOWING LONG EASTER HOLIDAY, POL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED
NAMIBIA, ZAIRE AND OPENING OF CONSULATE GENERAL IN DJIBOUTI
IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTELS WITH HEAD OF MFA AFRICA DIVISION,
ADALA, ON APRIL 13.

2. ADALA THANKED US FOR INFORMATION ON NAMIBIA DEMARCHE AND
TOOK CAREFUL NOTES ON KEY POINTS OF PARA 2 REFTEL A. HE
ASKED WHETHER DEMARCHE HAD TOUCHED ON INTERNAL SOUTH AFRICA
ISSUES (AS DISTINCT FROM NAMIBIA); WE INFORMED HIM THAT TO
BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NAMIBIA WAS ONLY SUBJECT DISCUSSED.
(GERMAN EMBOFF TOLD US HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM KENYANS
OF NAMIBIA DEMARCHE AFTER CONSULTING WITH US; WE ENCOURAGED
HIM TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH KENYANS AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY AND
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TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS REPRESENTED EFFORT TO ADVANCE POLITICAL
OBJECTIVES LONG ADVOCATED BY AFRICANS).

3. ON ZAIRE, WE INFORMED ADALA OF SUBSTANCE OF REF B. HE
SAID FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD COME IN THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS
ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED BY FRANCE TO ZAIRE. ADALA COULD
TELL US SAME THING THE FRENCH HAD BEEN TOLD: KENYA UNDER-

STANDS AND APPROVES OF ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRY WHICH IS SEEKING TO PRESERVE ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. ON OTHER HAND, KENYA IS CONCERNED THAT CONFLICT NOT BE "INTERNATIONALIZED" -AND DOES NOT FEEL WELL INFORMED ABOUT NATURE OF INVASION OR IDENTITY OF PARTICIPANTS. HE LEFT US WITH STRONG IMPRESSION THAT NON-LETHAL EQUIPMENT BEING SUPPLIED BY U.S. WAS WELL WITHIN BOUNDS OF WHAT KENYA CONSIDERED REASONABLE, AND THAT OUR ACTION WAS FULLY ACCEPTABLE TO KENYA. HE ADDED A PERSONAL COMMENT THAT ANGOLA WAS VULNERABLE TO ZAIRE PRESSURE ON CABINDA, WHICH COULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF WIDENING THE CONFLICT.

4. WE USED OCCASION TO INFORM KENYANS OF OPENING OF CONSULATE GENERAL AT DJIBOUTI. ADALA WAS GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION, SIMPLY ASKING WHETHER THIS WAS FIRST OFFICIAL U.S. PRESENCE THERE.
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